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SUBJ: EMERGENCY ALVS ASSISTANCE FOR YEMEN

DEPT PASS USCINCEUR, SECDEF FOR ISA; DHAHRAN FOR USCHMTM

1. RECENT EXERCISE IN GETTING EMERGENCY ARMS ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN, WHICH LOOKS AS IF IT WILL TURN OUT WELL, PROVOKES SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "NIXON DOCTRINE" IN A NEW AND EXPERIMENTAL SITUATION, I.E. GETTING OUR FRIENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO COORDINATE EFFECTIVELY IN SUPPORTING NORTH YEMEN AGAINST AN EXPANSIONIST, SOVIET-SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT IN ADEN.

2. IN AN IDEAL WORLD, WE WOULD PERHAPS HAVE LIKED TO SEE YARG, ABU DHABI, SAG AND JORDAN WORK THIS OUT WITH LESS INVOLVEMENT BY USG. BUT WE MUST FACE CERTAIN REALITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS ANTIPATHY BETWEEN

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SAG AND ABU DHABI, HISTORICAL SUSPICION BETWEEN YARG

AND SAG, LATENT JEALOUSY BETWEEN HESHKMITES AND SAUDIS.
AT LEAST TWO OF THE GOVERNMENTS BETWEEN WHICH WE ARE
TRYING TO FORGE COOPERATION (YARG AND ADG) ARE GOVERN
MENTS IN NAME ONLY. THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES
ARE OFTEN TOTAL AMATEURS OR CORRUPT. THEY HAVE
HOPELESSLY INADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS.

3. MY CONCLUSION FROM ALL THIS IS THAT IN THE CASE OF
YEMEN, AT LEAST, THE US MUST RECOGNIZE THAT TO MAKE THE
NIXON DOCTRINE WORK--AND WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IT CAN--
WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT IN THESE INITIAL
STAGES USG, WITH ITS INFLUENCE WITH STATES CONCERNED,
ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION, ITS INSTANT AND SECURE
COMMUNICATIONS, AND ITS CONCERN TO SEE THE JOB DONE,
MUST APPRECIATE THAT ITS ROLE WILL HAVE TO BE LARGER
THAN IT MIGHT LIKE AND WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE UNTIL
PATTERNS OF COOPERATION HAVE BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED.
OETHIS MAY BE A MATTER OF SEVERAL YEARS.

4. FOREGOING, OF COURSE, IS IN NO WAY INTENDED SUGGEST
AN ONGOING DIRECT US MILITARY ROLE IN YAR.
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